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THIRD ADVANCE ESTIMATE ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the third advance estimates on agricultural production for 2001-2002 predict all time record production of foodgrains and pulses for the Kharif season;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this advantage would result in availability of foodgrains at affordable costs to the poor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): According to the third Advance Estimates of agricultural production for 2001-02, the production of kharif foodgrains, comprising cereals and pulses, is expected to reach an all-time high of 109.51 million tonnes. However, in respect of only kharif pulses, higher production than 5.50 million tonnes expected in 2001-02 has been recorded earlier. The main reasons of higher expected production are spatially well distributed rainfall; provision of flexibility to the States in implementation of Plan schemes under `Macro Management` mode and better management of the sector.

(c) & (d): The expected increase in production is likely to result in ceteris paribus, better availability of the foodgrains to all including the poor. However, the Government are implementing several schemes to make foodgrains available to the poor at lower than market prices.